

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1041

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the East Ridge Middle School boys' basketball team upon winning the Middle 8 Middle School Boys Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute those successful middle school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Middle School boys' basketball team has been crowned winners of the Middle 8 Middle School Boys Championship and as such is deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Bears defended their title as champions, defeating the Maury Hornets 50-38 in the final game to win the Middle 8 Championship for a second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, Coach Richie Rader was proud of the way his players stayed calm and played as a team, exceeding expectations to take an early 15-6 lead over the Maury Hornets in the first quarter of the game; and

WHEREAS, the Bears continued to play their best and increased their lead to 27-14 at the half; the Maury Hornets were never able to close the double-digit lead, and the Bears went into the final quarter of the game with a 40-26 lead; and

WHEREAS, it was a team effort that led the East Ridge Bears to victory, with leading scorers Jackson Archer and Brayden Smith scoring fourteen points each, Nick Daughtery scoring nine points, Brett Smith and Cade Henson each scoring six points, and Aaron Carpenter scoring one point; and

WHEREAS, Brayden Smith scored four three-pointers in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, this victory is the result of collective team focus, hard work, and a willingness to submit to the greater good of the team rather than accommodate any one player; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the East Ridge Middle School boys' basketball team, not only for winning the Middle 8 Middle School Boys Championship but also for its players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the East Ridge Middle School boys' basketball team upon winning the Middle 8 Middle School Boys Championship. We salute these exceptional student athletes for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.